Part 1:
Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, good evening.
Thank you very much for your warm welcome and hospitality .
I'm delighted to be here with you this evening.
I'm here for the 1st time in my life. But already feel at home (among friends).

We are living in a uniquely turbulent and uncertain period, that reminds me an old Chinese curse: "may you live in interesting times".
Or the story about Yeltsin, who at the height of his struggle to come to power was asked by a guest to summarize the situation in one word and he answered: "in one word, good" the guest wondered: "how comes? Try in two words" and the answer came: "in two words, not good".

A year after 9/11 it is still a time of testing and the toughest tests might still lie ahead. But the last months gave us a perspective which enables us to underscore realistically the nature of the world ordeal we're living through.

Allow me to mention several points:
1st: we've caught surprised. Not just here in the U.S. which had not witnessed a major attack on its homeland front for some 200 years. But all around the world. I knew that with certainty on September 11, as I watched, along with the whole world, as police, firefighters, and ordinary citizens of extraordinary courage reacted to this dastardly attack with determination, courage and boundless grace.
The "world trade center" towers fell, but american spirit rose up.

A year ago on 9/11 we've caught in surprise not only in this country but all around the world, including Israel, where terror is the order of the day since its establishment.

I think of myself. I was 22 years old when I was sent for the first time to command a raid against terror. I spent most of my life in uniform, fighting for my country and leading a struggle against terror.

A year ago my eldest daughter, gave birth to my first grandson. While visiting her, I wondered - what kind of world he'd been

born into?

If someone had told me at the age of 22 that 40+ years later terror would still be a challenge, not only in the middle east but also on a global scale and in New York, I would not have believed it.
But this is the reality and we have to face it.

We are at war. the terror attacks of September 11 have changed the world forever.
At stake is everything we hold dear: freedom. Liberty, the sanctity of human lives, the ideal of an open society - our very way of life and the future of our children.

2nd: we've learnt the hard way that our sophisticated civilization with its complex structures, liberties and freedom of movement has become highly exposed, vulnerable to terror. So we face a war without definite "normal" frontiers and an elusive enemy.

Moreover - it is a fact of life that the spread of advanced technology, and the

easy access to knowledge of chemical and biological engineering - empowers individuals, terrorists groups, as well as rouge states in creating a frightening threat for the whole world.
If we will sit idle the risk of commoditization of W.M.D. might reach into the nuclear realm as well.

we are just at the opening chapter of the ordeal.
it will be a long struggle, not a few months but years, even half a generation, with successes and setbacks, hopeful and painful moments, many innocent civilians may lose their lives along the way.
But we have to win his first world war of the 21st century, and we will.
(The attacks on the twin towers and the pentagon were an assault on the quintessential assets, the nerve centers and the symbolic icons of America and all western civilization.)

Thirdly: we're facing an irrational force and we have to avoid wishful thinking; do any of us believe that terrorists who did not hesitate to kill 3K innocent people, will faint at the idea of killing 30K or 300K?

Can any one of us think that the terror group which used hijacked airplanes as living cruise missiles would shrink from spreading anthrax or small pox over some major western city? Or activate a stolen small size nuclear device as soon as it can acquire one? (if they can).

After sept. 11 2001, nothing about terror can ever be taken for granted or regarded as inconceivable or unthinkable. This is what makes fighting the battle to the end urgent, unavoidable and inevitable.

There can be no yielding to world terror and no compromise with it. The choice is clear: destroy world terror or be destroyed by it.
And it is essential to realize that nothing short of complete and unconditional victory will do.

The muslim terror initial objective is to root the U.S.presence and influence out of the arabian peninsula, and to overthrow the regimes in that region, and the obsession then moves on to the destruction of Israel.

The U.S. is not hated by the terrorists because it supports Israel. It is the other way around: Israel is hated because it is perceived as an outpost of democratic values and the western way of life, surrounded by an ocean of arab muslim backwardness - which the terrorists seek to deepen even more.

Without defeating world terror and rouge despots, no world order can be reestablished: America's leadership of the world can never be secured; and we cannot ensure the personal safety, normalcy of life, predictability and stability that are the absolute preconditions for sustained economic growth.

I can tell you that war is never a simple endeavor.
On the operational level this kind of terror cannot be defeated without resolve and determination.

You have to think and act not by the book, but "outside the box": open-eyed, your mind free from any dogma or conventional wisdom, ruthlessly focused on what could eventually happen, and immediately

responsive to both threats and opportunities.
I'm talking from personal experience as a veteran of 40 years of active fighting against terrorism.

Disguised as a maintenance crew leader in white overalls, I personally led a rescue raid on a hijacked Sabena airplane at B.G. airport in 1972. When we assaulted it. The airplane was full of over one hundred passengers and explosives with detonators already deployed all over the cabin. We stormed the plane and within 90 seconds the shooting was over. We killed two of the hijackers and saved the passengers except for one. One officer slightly wounded (B. B.)

A year later, disguised as a young lady in modern clothes, I headed an elite commando squad to execute several top Palestinian terror leaders in their apartments at the center of Beirut. It was part of an ongoing operation to hit the terrorists who were responsible for he murder of the Israeli athletes during the 1972 olympic games in Munich. Guards, police, body guards, intense battle. 8 min.

results.

But let us look back at the wider picture. This long struggle is a marathon, not a sprint.
A fully concerted world effort on all levels is the only path to success. Intelligence agencies. Operational military units, economic steps and diplomatic maneuvers each have a vital part in the battle. But at the heart of it all, there must be an unflinching political will, an unyielding spirit of leadership: calm, inspiring, steady under pressure, tenacious, determined and self confident - however tough the going sometimes gets.

Part 2:

We are in the opening chapter of an epic struggle that will shape our future, determine the world of our children and define a new global landscape. Where democracy can spread, freedom will flourish and stability will be renewed.
The 20th century was shaped by the emergence and then the defeat of Fascism, Nazism and Communism.
The first two were defeated in WW2 by

the strength, fighting spirit, devotion and courage of “the greatest generation”.
Almost fifty years afterwards, communism collapsed under the combination of pressures from within and without.
Now, in order to win in this new war, we must summon in ourselves both the faith and courage of the “greatest generation” of WW2, and the patience for the long haul, the perseverance and the commitment to carry on, of those who won “the long, twilight struggle” of the cold war.
Now more than ever we need not just to hear, but to heed, to feel and to live by the classic words of F. D. R. : “the only thing we have to fear is fear itself”.
This is a time when globalization, communication, and transportation technology, make us all inhabitants of a true “global village”, more interlinked and interdependent than ever before in human history.
And the consequence of this one world is that the prosperity of our own children, is strongly related to the condition of “their” children in all the deprived parts of the world.

I want you to think of it later. This is the

most important message I would like to leave you with, this evening: Nothing should weaken our sense of purpose, while we are actively struggling with terror & evil dictators to defeat them unconditionally.

But we should never lose sight of that other picture - the poor of the earth, who suffer hunger and deprivation, aids and other diseases; who see their children get, at best, a sub - standard education, under tyrannical, corrupt, or inept regimes - that poison the future for three quarters of the world's young generation.

As human beings, as well as out of self interest, we have to develop a world sense of a community. A community of nations which honestly respect and care about each other. ready to act on a global basis to lift-up other peoples children, as well as our own - and willing to commit ourselves, once we have won the great and moral battle against terror, to achieve the great moral imperative of social justice. however long and however resources demanding, we must act to close the gaps in living conditions and

reach out to help the half and more of humankind that has been left behind.

This message, if pronounced loud and clear, and heard across the planet, will help us win this present war, and bring tranquility and equilibrium.

Neither effort will be swift or easy. But as John Kennedy said at another turning point during the Cuban missile crisis: “the path we have chosen is full of hazards, as all paths are - but it is the one most consistent with our character and courage”.

Now, in 2015 the great challenge comes to our generation, to free the world from the new tyranny of terror and then to deliver a new birth of freedom for peoples everywhere.

Thank you and god bless you.